

# VICTORIA DOCK BERTH HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

## Draft MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

HELD AT CAERNARFON SAILING CLUB

### PERSONS PRESENT:

Pam Wrench - Chair (*Marian*), Keith Elford - Treasurer (*Crackpot*), John Whittaker - Membership Secretary (*Moonwinds*), Eddie Williams - Committee member (*Morwenno*), Colin Turner - Committee member (*Camar*), Andrew Stevenson - Committee member (*Sea Gem*), Claire & Mark Roberts (*Maya*), Mike & Mo Knowles (*Alice*), Daniel Farrimond (*Serene*), Paul & Jane Hayden (*Sami*), Ian Craft (*Rowain*), Dave Clough (*Sarico*), John O'Sullivan (*Rathlin*), Ralph Brearley (*Ynys Hwyl*), Thomas & Yvonne Bingham (*Trilogy*), John Hey (*Andiamo*), Fiona & Eddie Daniels (*Due South*), Gary Tatlock & Sandra Flanner (*Premier Cru*), Mark Walker (*Danny Jo*), Brian Oulton (*Nauta*), Jerry Armitage & Sue Selby (*Ocean of Torbay*), Pamela & Roger Moores (*Basanti*), Phil Cooke (*Mwingo*), David Ferguson (*Arwen*)

### APOLOGIES RECEIVED:

Geoff & Betty Lloyd (*Quadriga*), Andy Baguley (*Shrimpo*), Mark Brumfitt (*Solitaire*), Gill Kent & Joe Presford (*Sapphire*), John Wrench (*Marian*), Kathy Jones - Secretary (*Rowain*)

### DREDGING UPDATE:

John O'Sullivan updated the meeting on the success of the dredging on the South Side and confirmed that the dredging will be completed to the North side in the autumn of 2020. This is the earliest date that the dredger is available due to other commitments.

### CHAIR'S REPORT:

Thank you to all Committee members and Association members for your support this year. Dredging – this remains our top priority. The November 2018 phase was highly successful and we look forward to the completion of the works on the North side beginning autumn 2020. The dredger is provisionally booked for the operation.

Membership is now 100% of berth holders based on the inclusion of VDBHA membership alongside the Victoria Dock berth renewal. Thanks to CHT and GC for cooperation in this matter. Hopefully, the benefits of data sharing will arise over the coming months.

The VDBHA Berth Holder Agreement is still in progress. It is disappointing that it is not in place for the 2019/20 season. However, this is largely owing to CHT revising their Terms and Conditions which will complement the Agreement. VDBHA did request this revision some time ago and therefore see this delay in a positive light.

The website with GDPR compliance continues to develop positively; all dredging progress updates have been available on the site during negotiations; links to emails for Hon Sec and Membership Sec are now established.

The successful updating and distribution of the VDBHA Survey has provided an interesting range of points for further discussion with CHT and GC with whom we continue to work in a positive and productive manner.

Thanks to Debbie Cassidy for help in aiding Mem Sec to develop and interpret the Survey.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer reported that after paying the AGM expenses of £220 a sum of £15 would remain in the bank. He indicated that the annual expenditure of the Association related to computer costs, the RYA sub and meeting expenses. As fees are now being collected by The Harbour Trust and were likely to total over £900 we will be well covered to meet all costs as they arise in the future.

The treasurer confirmed that CHT will be invoiced for the membership fees that they kindly collected on our behalf with the berthing fees.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

In October 2018, at the last AGM, the process of proposing and seconding the election of officers took place, with tenure of one year. Now that the AGM will take place every April it is necessary to extend that tenure.

Point of Order raised by Mark Walker that the constitution states that the election of officers must take place at the AGM. As existing officers are willing to remain in place for a further twelve months, he formally proposed that the officers, as is, be re-elected. The proposal was seconded by Dave Ferguson. The members present all approved the proposal. Existing officers were duly re-elected to the committee.

### **RESULTS OF BERTH HOLDERS SURVEY:**

Please see attached results Appendix 1 and 2

John Whittaker, who collated the survey, explained the results and highlighted some of the comments made by members.

With regard to the toilets and showers, there was a lengthy discussion, at times heated between members present about when improvements to the facilities would be made. John O'Sullivan raised the point that the Council have promised to address the issue after dredging is completed in 2020. A number of persons present agreed that the present layout of the unisex toilets is not acceptable. Several members raised their views; wanting action a.s.a.p. due to safe guarding issues and saying they felt uncomfortable using mixed facilities. Other persons present did not consider it an issue and were willing to wait for the council to keep their promise to take action after the dredging is completed.

John Whittaker (JW) then resumed his explanation of the survey results and some of the comments made.

John O'Sullivan raised that only 54 out of 96 berth holders had responded to the survey and asked how that could be improved in future.

The Chair said that inevitably there will be a number of berth holders who will not want to take part in VDBHA business despite now being automatic members. It was requested that all present should try and encourage our berth holder neighbours to take part in future surveys.

Dave Clough (DC) asked for clarification about comments made on the survey about full car parks on the North side as he had not witnessed them being full. It was confirmed by members that there had been occasions when the car parks had been full.

DC disliked the choice of priorities on the survey, which had to be prioritised despite his having no personal interest in some of them. JW explained it was an IT issue that meant all the priorities had to be completed before moving on to the next question in the survey.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

DC commented on some berth holders bringing large amounts of petrol (100 litres plus) in a trolley to refuel their boats from the pontoon. He was concerned about the risk of ignition of the fumes. It was agreed that the matter would be brought to the Dock Master's attention.

Dave Ferguson asked about dredging in the vicinity of the slipway (to Menai Marine) and the underwater rail causing a hazard. It was confirmed that the dredging to this area will be completed in 2020 along with any additional dredging maintenance required in the rest of the dock. The rail would be discussed with the Dock Master.

The Chair also confirmed that should there be any changes to existing rules about the use of red diesel; Gwynedd Council will change the supply to comply.